Statement-II

The details of action taken on complaints received by BIS

State	No. of Complaints
Andhra Pradesh	1
Kerala	1
U.P. and Uttaranchal	1
M.P.	3
Tamil Nadu	1
Haryana	1

All complaints are under various stages of investigation.

Unified National Market for Agriculture

*439. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is proposed to set up a unified National Market for Agriculture;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR) : (a) to (c) There is no Government proposal to set up a unified National Market for Agriculture, as, under Entry No. 28 in the State List of the Seventh Schedule of the Constitution of India, markets are a State Subject, and, accordingly markets for agricultural produce exist in varied forms in different States, under the regulation of the respective Agricultural Produce Marketing Committee (APMC) Acts.

However, the Multi-Commodity Exchange of India Limited(MCX), the Financial Technologies India Limited (FTIL) and the National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Limited (NAFED) have, as promoters, joined together to set up the National Spot Exchange Limited, registered under the Companies Act, 1956, to develop a common national

electronic market by providing a state-of-the-art trading, delivery and settlement facilities in various agricultural commodities which can be accessed from across the country after obtaining a permission from the State Authorities concerned under the provisions of the respective State APMC Acts.

Projects for Andhra Pradesh

*440. SHRI M.V. MYSURA REDDY:
SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of ongoing railway projects in the State of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) the details of amount allocated, released and spent on these projects, so far, and the estimated cost of each project;

(c) the funds allocated during the last three years for these projects;

(d) the time schedule for completion of these projects; and

(e) the steps taken by Government to complete these projects in time?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI LALU PRASAD): (a) to (d) The details of ongoing railway projects of New Line, Gauge Conversion, Doubling, Railway Electrification and Metropolitan Transport Projects falling fully/partly in the State of Andhra Pradesh alongwith anticipated cost, expenditure incurred upto March, 2007, expenditure incurred during the last three years, Outlay for 2007-08, targets wherever fixed and the present status has been attached as Statement (see below).

(e) Many new initiative like funding through National Projects, Defence funding, Public Private Partnership, State sharing and Rail Vikas Nigam Limited have been taken up. These initiatives will generate additional resources and will help in completing the projects in time.